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LOK SABHA

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FISHING VESSELS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are purchasing a number of fishing vessels from abroad for various fishery organizations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which is is likely to be useful;

(c) the amount spent thereon;

(d) the reasons for purchasing such costly fishing vessels;

(e) whether the Government propose to review its decision; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Government is in the process of acquiring two fishery vessels from abroad for harvesting of the tuna resources alongwith the bycatch by Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai.

(c) As on date no expenditure has been incurred for purchase of vessels.

(d) The vessels required for such survey work should have capability to operate in oceanic waters and also be equipped with latest state of the art equipment for scientific data collection and monitoring of the oceanic resources. Monofilament long lining is an eco-friendly and efficient method for exploiting the pelagic resources. The vessels would be also utilized for imparting onboard training to the fishermen and entrepreneurs to enable them to harvest the oceanic tunas and tuna like fishes which would help to earn foreign exchange for the country and improve the socio-economic condition of the fishermen.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.